

# State of North Carolina



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE  
GOVERNOR

## NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE WEEK

2010

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, physical and mental health care are critical to the overall well-being of youth in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, optimal physical and mental health of our students leads to optimal academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, all youth in North Carolina deserve access to comprehensive health care; and

WHEREAS, school-based and school-linked health centers provide a vital, necessary and important link in a health care network within many communities across the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, school-based and school-linked health centers in North Carolina provide accessible, affordable, quality health care and health education that improves the lives of young people and their families; and

WHEREAS, according to the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, 56 of these centers are located in North Carolina; 28 of these centers are funded partially by the state of North Carolina and these centers greatly impact the health care safety net system in our state as 13,581 students who would not access traditional health care providers utilized these centers during the past fiscal year for a total of 20,080 medical visits, 17,548 preventive visits, 13,365 behavioral/mental health visits, 5,424 nutrition visits and 29,567 nursing visits; and

WHEREAS, these centers positively impact the economy by reducing emergency room visits, by decreasing parental absences from work, and by increasing early identification and treatment of disease, thus preventing more expensive treatment at a later date; and

WHEREAS, school-based and school-linked health centers are supported in many communities by parents, teachers, school administrators and other concerned citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of February 14-20, 2010, as "**NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL COMMUNITY HEALTH ALLIANCE WEEK**" and urge all our citizens to recognize the role of local school-based and school-linked health centers in improving the health and well-being of all youth in the state of North Carolina.



BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fourteenth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.